

HISTORY OF MINIMUM WAGE

First federal
minimum wage
25 CENTS

Current federal
minimum wage
\$7.25

SEATTLE

\$16.30

First city to approve
a minimum wage
increase to \$15

Highest minimum
wage in U.S.
(Emeryville, Calif.)

Last time the
federal minimum
wage was increased

2009

Longest stretch
without a federal
minimum wage
increase in history

10 YEARS

29

Number of states
with a higher
minimum wage
than the federal
requirement

40

Number of
cities that have
their own
minimum wage

Number of states
whose minimum
wage increased in
January or July
in 2019

20

Number of cities
and counties
whose minimum
wage rate increased
on July 1, 2019

54
